Public Notice



Applicant:

Rave Motion Pictures

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

In Reply Refer To:

Buffalo District CELRB-TD-R RE: 92-988-906(2) Section: NY 404

Application for Permit under Authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

Rave Motion Pictures, 3333 Welborn Street, Suite 100, Dallas, Texas 75219, has requested a Department of the Army permit to fill an additional 0.98 acres of wetland for the construction of an 18-auditorium movie theater and associated parking. The project is located on Erie Boulevard East, in the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York.

Approximately 3.07 acres of wetland was delineated on the 17 acre parcel. The boundaries were verified by this office on April 21, 2004. The wetland to be impacted is dominated by giant reed grass (Phragmites australis), and the wetland to be avoided is largely open water. Wetlands on site drain into the South Branch of Ley Creek. Most of the site was previously used for agricultural purposes as a muck farm. Since that time, a portion of the fields were filled. It has been determined that approximately 0.48 acres of wetland had been previously filled, authorized by Nationwide Permit number 26.

The applicant has modified the proposal to minimize impacts to wetlands. The original proposal involved filling all wetlands on site, but due to concerns from this office, those impacts were reduced to avoid the open water area, as is currently proposed.

To mitigate for the proposed 0.98 acres of proposed wetland impact and the previous impact to 0.48 acres of wetland, the applicant has proposed to create approximately 2.2 acres of emergent wetland on a 10-acre parcel located in the Town of DeWitt in the Ley Creek drainage basin, adjacent to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's wetland SYE-11.

The applicant's stated purpose for the project is to construct an 18-auditorium movie theater and associated parking.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Margaret A. Crawford, who can be contacted by calling (315) 255-8090, or by e-mail at: margaret.a.crawford@usace.army.mil

The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 7413 County House Road, Auburn, New York 13021, and should be marked to the attention of Margaret A. Crawford, or by e-mail at: margaret.a.crawford@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record which is available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

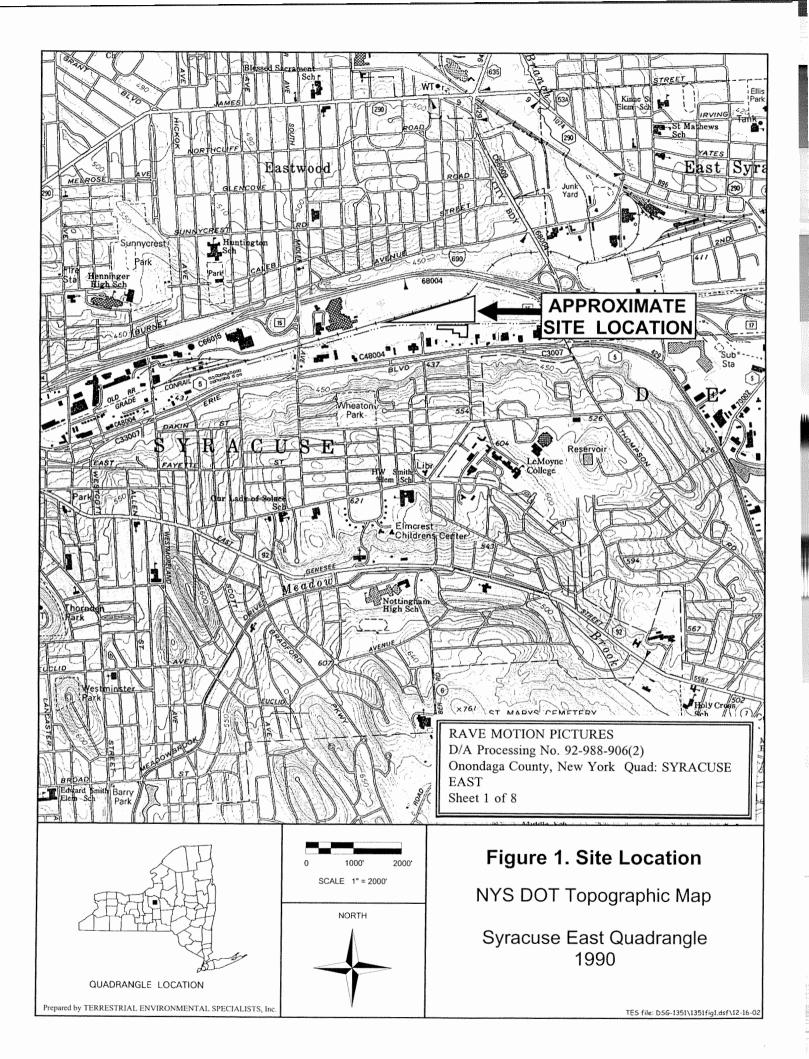
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the

preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

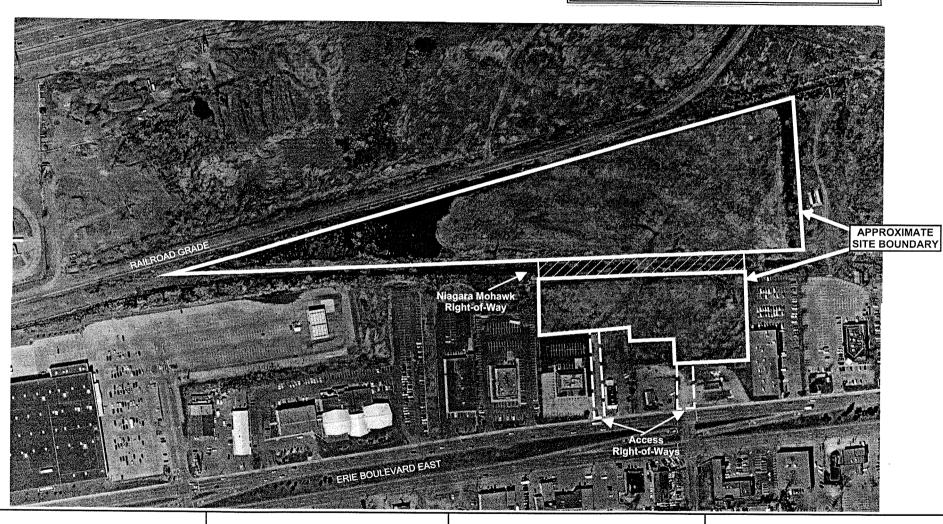
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Thomas C. Switala Chief, Regulatory Branch

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Onondaga County, New York Quad: SYRACUSE
EAST
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LEGEND



Niagara Mohawk Right-of-Way



2003 Aerial Photograph Obtained From NYS GIS Clearinghouse

Figure Prepared by Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.

Figure 5. 2003 Aerial Photograph

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D/A Processing No. 92-988-906(2) Onondaga County, New York Quad: SYRACUSE **EAST** Sheet 3 of 8 previously filled wetland approximately 0.48 acres Existing Wetlands approximately 3.07 acres SSER REAL ESTAJE JAVESTMENTS GARAM HAM, INC. APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY LIONEL GILELS S & A PROPERTIES CORP. Book 3553 of Deeds, Pope 326 HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, INC. NORTH Figure Prepared by Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc. Figure 6. Existing Conditions APPROXIMATE SCALE IN FEET Base Map Provided by Iazuzi & Romans, P.C.

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